

Mufti: No one will be allowed to overshadow 'Peace Parleys'

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Jehlum Post News/Jammu/ March 22, 2015/ Both the Houses of the State Legislature Sunday passed a Resolution unanimously condemning the recent twin terror attacks that took place in Kathua and Samba districts. This followed the Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed's intervention in the Legislative Assembly when several Members, cutting across party lines, expressed serious concern over the two successive attacks. The Houses resolved unanimously to condemn the attacks and urged upon the Government of India to impress upon the Government of Pakistan to take all measures for preventing such dastardly acts in future for a lasting peace in the region so that the initiatives towards peace do not get derailed and allow the people of Jammu & Kashmir to get the dividends of peace process. The House, which is the most legitimate democratic institution representing the aspirations of the people of the State, resolves that the movement for peace and reconciliation will be carried forward with full force and the enemies of people will

be defeated. Earlier, while speaking during the Question Hour in the Legislative Assembly as well as the Council, the Chief Minister said the attacks that were carried out in Kathua and Samba won't defeat and weaken our resolve to bring in lasting peace in the region. "The relations between India and Pakistan won't improve if such incidents continue to happen," he said, while calling for a greater vigil on the borders to prevent such attacks. Stating that such dastardly acts are timed to subvert the peace process that has recently been started between India and Pakistan, the Chief Minister said such forces which are desperate to disturb peace in the region won't be allowed to succeed. He said if we have to carry forward the process of reconciliation, such incidents should not be repeated.

Urging Pakistan to rein in subversive elements operating from within its territory, the Chief Minister said a message has to go to it from our country's strongest and most powerful Assembly that incidents like Samba and Kathua won't be tolerated in future. "The roots of democracy have grown stronger in the State. There were no incidents on borders in the State from Kathua to Kargil between 2002 to 2008. We have invested a lot in the peace process. There are some rogue elements which, in the name of religion, are carrying out such acts. These elements will not be allowed to damage the fabric of peace in the State," said the Chief Minister. The Chief Minister described the recently-held Assembly elections as free, fair and transparent which restored the faith of the people in the democratic institutions of the state and the country. "I urge all the people to allow the State of J&K to reap the rich dividends of peace, for which steps have been taken by the Government of India," he said and added that the need of the hour is to broaden the peace constituency by strengthening the voices of dialogue and reconciliation.